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**Advisory Action
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Applicant(s)

TRAUTENBERG, HANS LUDWIG

Examiner

Fred H. Mull

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THE REPLY FILED 21 February 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: 5.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: 1-4 and 6-20.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☐ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
12. ☒ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments on p. 10, with respect to the rejection(s) over Chen in view of Eid have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Eid does not teach using output selection instead of weighted combination of outputs (p. 10, 1st ¶). However, the rejection of this claim does not state Eid teaches using selection instead of weighted combination, but instead that selection is a known variant of weighted combination. Simply replacing a portion of a known invention with a known equivalent/variant of that portion does not result in a patentable invention.

2. Applicant's arguments on p. 10, with respect to the rejection(s) over Chen in view of Jouan have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues the references cannot be combined because they are not in the same field of invention. However, both references are in the field of Multiple Model estimation.

3. Applicant's arguments on p. 10, with respect to the rejection(s) over Chen in view of Whang have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues the references cannot be combined because they are not in the same field of invention. However, both references are in the field of Multiple Model estimation.

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4. Applicant's arguments on p. 11-12, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim 5 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection(s) of these claims have been withdrawn.

5. Applicant's arguments on p. 12, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim 14 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues the references fail to teach determination of the estimated navigational error information while applying the selected error module. However, each of Eid, Jouan, and Whang calculate all error models during each iteration, and select the error model whose results are to be used. Thus, the navigation error is being determined at each iteration, and the selection is being done at each iteration.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fred H. Mull whose telephone number is 571-272-6975. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from approximately 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas H. Tarcza can be reached on 571-272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application
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The petition filed December 6, 2005 under 37 CFR §1.97(d)(2)(ii) for consideration of an information disclosure statement filed after final rejection has been:

☒ GRANTED.

☐ DENIED.

The petition lacks:

☐ The required fee under 37 CFR §§1.97(d)(2)(iii) and 1.17(i)(1).

☐ A proper certification as specified in 37 CFR §§1.97(d)(2)(i) and 1.97(e)

The information disclosure statement has been placed of record in the file but will not be considered by the examiner.

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